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SUBJECT: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE, 1774TH MEETING,
DECEMBER 17, 1975

1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE FIVE CONCLUDED ITS WORK AT 12:15 P.M.
AFTER VOTING ON BUDGET AND PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OF UN FOR
1974-1975 (SEE PARA 3) AND PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976-
1977 (SEE PARA 4). FOLLOWING THIS, CERTAIN DELS MADE
STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF REGIONAL GROUPS; CHAIRMAN ACABQ FOR ACABQ;
AND SECRETARY ANWAR ON "BEHIND THE SCENESE" PEOPLE. COMMITTEE
ADJOURNED AT 1:15 ON HARMONIOUS NOTE AND IN HAPPY MOOD FOLLOWING
MOVING STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN THOMAS. END SUMMARY

2. ON POINT OF ORDER, ALGERIA CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESS RELEASE
NO. 5433 COVERING INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT OF GA IN WHICH, BY WAY OF
INTRODUCTION, HE SAID, INTER ALIA, "DISCUSSION OF THE MAIN AGENDA
ITEMS HAS BEEN CONCLUDED AND THERE REMAIN ONLY SOME FINANCIAL
REPORTS TO COME FROM THE FIFTH COMMITTEE WHICH WILL HAVE
NO EFFECT ON THE ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR WORK." VARIOUS DELS
EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE OVER STATEMENT. LATER CHAIRMAN RECEIVED
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF GA TO EFFECT THAT HE WAS FULLY
AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF FINAL MEETING OF PLENARY ON WORK
OF FIFTH COMMITTEE AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE IT
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CLEAR AT THE END OF THE DEBATE IN DEC 17 MORNING PLENARY. IN

VIEW OF THIS, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THEIR CHAIRMAN TO EXPRESS UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE PRESS RELEASE.

3. AGENDA ITEM 95. (A/C.5/L.1291 - DRAFT REPORT ON BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE OF UN FOR 1974-1975). DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A AND B IN PARA9 OF REPORT WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS: "A" -69 (US, ROMANIA)-10 (SOVIET BLOC, CUBA)-0; "B" - 80-0-0; REPORT AS WHOLE WAS APPROVED BY 70 (US, ROMANIA) -10 (SOVIET BLOC, CUBA)-0.

4. AGENDA ITEM 96. (DRAFT REPORT ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1976-1977 AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976-79) (A/C.5/L.1290 AND ADD.1)
PART I (L.1290, CONTAINING DECISIONS)
THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL AT LAST MEETING TO INCLUDE PARA IN REPORT AUTHORIZING SYG TO SUBMIT, IF NEED BE, TO 31ST GA A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SECTION 6: ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE) SIMILAR TO FORMULATION ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE RE SECTIONS 7 AND 8 OF PROGRAM BUDGET. UPPER VOLTA, NEW ZEALAND, UK, US AND CHAD SPOKE AGAINST INCLUSION. US(STOTTLEMYER) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT THAT THE SYG HAS AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND AGREED WITH UK THAT YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL WAS SUPERFLUOUS. ROMANIA, GREECE, INDIA AND SWEDEN SPOKE FOR INCLUSION. CANADA AND PHILIPPINES SAID THEY WOULD ABSTAIN IN VOTE. USYG DAVIDSON EXPLAINED SYG'S AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES IF NEEDED. UPPER VOLTA PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD MAKE IT APPLICABLE TO ALL SECTIONS OF BUDGET. ALGERIA ASKED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL. LATER CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT, FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH USYG DAVIDSON, YUGOSLAV AGREED NOT TO PRESS MATTER ON UNDERSTANDING IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN AT 31ST GA. STOTTLEMYER SAID HIS DEL HAD NO OBJECTION TO ADOPTING REPORT.

BUT IT WAS DISSATISFIED OVER LACK OF TIME TO CAREFULLY STUDY DOCUMENT AND GO THROUGH IT PARA-BY-PARA. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED A/C.5/L.1290 ON "NO OBJECTION" BASIS.

PART II - (L.1290/ADD.1 CONTAINING DRAFT RESOLUTION)
VOTING ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IN A/C.5/L.1290/ADD 1 FOLLOWS:
RES I - "A" (BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976-1977)-83-8(SOV BLOC)-3(US, CUBA, ROMANIA)
"B" (INCOME ESTIMATES FOR 1976-1977) - UNANIMOUS
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"C"(FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976)-84 (US)
-9 (SOVIET BLOC) -2(ROMANIA, CUBA)
RES AS WHOLE - 83-9(SOV BLOC)-3(US, ROMANIA, CUBA)
RES II (UNFORESEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES FOR 1976-1977).
85(US)-9(SOV BLOC)-2(ROMANIA, CUBA).
RES III (WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1976-1977)
87(US)-0-11(SOVIET BLOC, CUBA)

5. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY CERTAIN DELS FOR VARIOUS GROUPS:
PAKISTAN FOR ASIA; AUSTRIA FOR WEO'S ; ALGERIA; ROMANIA FOR EE'S;
ARGENTINA FOR LAS; DEMOCRATIC YEMEN FOR ARABS; GABON FOR AFRICANS;
AND US(STOTTLEMYER)HOST COUNTRY. CHAIMAN MSELLE THANKED
DELS FOR THEIR APPRECIATION OF WORK OF ACABQ. CHAIRMAN THOMAS
GAVE WARM AND MOVING STATEMENT, ENDING BY SAYING, IF HIS
PERFORMANCE WAS AS GOOD AS EVERYONE CLAIMED, ASKED THAT HE BE
ALLOWED TO KEEP THE GAVEL AS SYMBOL OF WORK TOGETHER. QUICKLY
ADDED "I SEE NO OBJECTIONS, IT IS SO DECIDED." SECRETARY OF
COMMITTEE ANWAR THANKED ALL THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" PEOPLE
FOR THEIR HELP AND COOPERATION. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:21 P.M.
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